GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways – Permission - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 4 **Dated: 23-01-2025**
Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/9/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 29.04.2021
2)State Govt.Lr.No.1146/Sec.II/2021, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 25.08.2021.
3)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APC132/2021-VIJ/723, dated 28.11.2022.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/9/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 04.11.2024.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.1146/Sec.II/2021/1448475, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 29.11.2024.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, Lr.F.No.4-APC132/2021-VIJ/598, dated 30.12.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, for according in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada, after obtaining certain additional information, have accorded in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, has furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for issuance of final approval for the above proposal and the same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-Office at Vijayawada of the Regional Office, Chennai, for the grant of final approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have accorded final approval under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 25.31 ha. of forest land in Pegha, Bandarugudem, Madhavaraopeta, Bandirevu RFs of Chintur Division for up-gradation of existing NH-30 from Km. 169.770 to 236.150 of Vijayawada to Jagadalpur section to two lane with paved shoulders in the State of Andhra Pradesh in favour of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency;
iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of **51.05 ha** of degraded forest area identified in Compt.No.25, Bhadramchalam RF of Nellipaka Range of Chintur, at the cost of the User Agency;
iv. Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
vi. Translocation of important species may only be carried out in planned manner subject to technical feasibility for planting in the nearby degraded forest areas and shall ensure survival of such translocated trees, at the cost of the User Agency;
vii. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
viii. The User Agency shall carryout avenue plantation and its maintenance on sides of the road at the cost of the project;
ix. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
x. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;
xi. The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
xii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
xiii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
xiv. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **25.31 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

xvi. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

xvii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xviii. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

xix. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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Copy to:
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The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways,
D.No.38-2-3/2, Gorle Dalappana Veedhi,
Krishna District-520010.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER